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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of this application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

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**Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 27 (EXAMPLE 1),
bridging page 17, ending at line 6, with the following new paragraph:**

EXAMPLE 1

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(1) Pulp fiber (length-weighted average fiber length: 2.5 mm) as cellulosic fiber and (2) crimping low-melting conjugate fiber having a core/sheath structure composed of a polyethylene terephthalate core and a polyethylene sheath